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Annexure

## TYPEWISE SCHEMES SANCTIONED AND COMPLETED IN WEST BENGAL

S.No.	Type of Scheme	No. of Schemes		Under Progress
		Sanctioned	Completed	
1.	Interception & Diversion . . . . .	31	9	22
2.	Sewage Treatment Plant . . . . .	15	1	14
3.	Low Cost Sanitation . . . . .	22	21	1
4.	Crematoria . . . . .	17	13	4
5.	River Front Facilities . . . . .	24	21	3
6.	Others . . . . .	1	0	1
7	Total . . . . .	110	65	45

**CHOLERA DEATHS**

100. SHRI MANORANJAN SUR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is spurt in Cholera deaths in the country;

(b) if so, the number of deaths so reported during the current year and what are the corresponding figures for the past three years;

(c) the names of towns, State-wise, where Cholera has broken out, indicating number of cases reported and fatalities figures as a result thereof;

(d) the specific reasons for the recurrence of the deadly disease year after year;

(e) whether the recommendations of the Supreme Court Committee which went into 1988 Delhi cholera epidemic have been implemented, if not, the reasons therefor and the reasons for recurrence of Cholera in Delhi; and

(f) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to control the spread of the disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Main reasons for recurrence of cholera are :—

Unsatisfactory conditions of personal and domestic hygiene and inadequate

environmental sanitation, particularly contamination of drinking water.

(e) Yes, Sir. The recommendations of the Supreme Court Committee which went into 1988 Delhi Cholera epidemic are being implemented in Delhi.

(f) Following steps are being taken by the Government to control the spread of the disease :—

by making maximum efforts for providing safe drinking water through piped water supply;

by periodic chlorination of well water;

by distribution of chlorine tablets;

through vigorous and extensive health education campaign highlighting the need for personal hygiene and consumption of safe drinking water;

through disinfection of wells;

by making Oral Rehydration Salt (O.R.S.) packets available; and

by augmenting disease surveillance.

# CONTROL ROOM TO MONITOR THE INCIDENT OF ATROCITIES ON SCs/STs

102. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA SHEKARA MURTHY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up a control room to monitor the incidents of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, by what time such a control room is likely to be set up;

(c) whether the control room will have direct link with the various State capitals only; and

(d) if so, how the incidents of atrocities on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes which may take place in rural areas would be monitored effectively?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE  
(SRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The modalities are being worked out.

### THREAT OF ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

103. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the threat of environmental pollution is constantly getting more and more acute due to felling of trees;

(b) the extent of forest cover being depleted for the purpose of fuel each year; and

(c) if so, the corrective action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Trees play a vital role in purification of air by absorbing carbon dioxide and release of oxygen. Felling of trees, therefore, affects the environment adversely.

(b) Since tops and stems of trees are utilized as fuelwood, there is no precise estimate of the forest cover being depleted each year on this account.

(c) Following measures have been taken to check depletion of forest cover :

(i) guidelines have been issued to State Governments/U.Ts. banning green felling on mountains/hills above 1000 metres;

(ii) assistance is provided to State/U.Ts. for development of infrastructure for protection of forests from biotic interference;

(iii) enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to check diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes;

(iv) various programmes of afforestations under State Plans and Centrally Sponsored Schemes including plantations under the 20-Point programmes are carried out.

### BAN ON FELLING OF TREES

104. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to ban felling of trees for Railway Sleepers; and

(b) if so, the step being taken to meet the demand of Railways in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Government propose to phase out use of wooden railway sleepers and consequently, the intake of sleepers has come down from 30 lakh track sleepers in 1984-85 to 2 lakh sleepers in 1990-91.

(b) The Government has already made sufficient provision for replacement of wooden track sleepers with concrete sleepers.

### POLLUTION FREE RIVERS

105. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO  
DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of rivers included in the programme for making them pollution free besides the Ganga and Yamuna;

(b) whether the Government propose to include Betwa, Godawari, Narmada, Krishna and Kaveri rivers under this programme;

(c) if so, the time by which the work is likely to start on this programme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?